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MIRAGES FOR JORDAN

EMBTTEL 2370 SENT AMMAN 34; EMBTEL 2393 SENT DEPT

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FOLLOWING ON CONVERSATIONS HELD BY FRENCH MISSION SENT AMMAN
AS REPORTED EMBTEL 2147:

1. MISSION COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FRENCH MINARMIES AND
MINFINANCE. IT RECEIVED RENEWED JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR

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FRENCH CREDIT TERMS COMPARABLE TO THOSE OFFERED LEBANESE.
~~REDACTED~~ STATED TERMS TO LEBANESE WERE (A) FIRST DELIVERY
IN 18 MONTHS AND INCREASINGLY RAPID DELIVERIES THEREAFTER;
(B) 8 YEARS' CREDIT AT 3.75 PERCENT END FYI. JORDANIANS TOLD
FRENCH THEY WANTED FIRST AIRCRAFT DELIVERED "SOON," VIZ.
IN LESS THAN 18 MONTHS, ALLEGING PILOTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO
QUALIFY ON MIRAGE III E.

2. FRENCH MISSION EXAMINED JORDANIAN PAYMENT FACILITIES AND
CONCLUDED. (A) JORDANIANS SHOULD BE OFFERED 8 YEARS' CREDIT

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CORRECTION ISSUED:

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TIMED TO COVER 9 FISCAL YEARS. (FYI - JORDANIANS HAD ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR 10 YEARS CREDIT FROM DATE CONTRACT SIGNED END FYI.) (B) FRENCH GOVERNMENT CANNOT RPT CANNOT MEET GOJ DESIRES RE EARLY DELIVERY AIRCRAFT; (C) FRENCH GOVERNMENT SHOULD AGREE MEET JORDANIANS PART WAY ON INTEREST.

31 [REDACTED] SAID INTEREST RATE WAS STUMBLING BLOC. JORDANIANS WANTED LEBANESE TERMS. FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED OFFER "NORMAL" TERMS I.E., NO SPECIAL FACILITIES. FRENCH MANUFACTURERS HAD CALCULATED "NORMAL" RATE AT 7.45 PERCENT TO WHICH 0.30 PERCENT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDED FOR CREDIT INSURANCE. MISSION HAD NOW RECOMMENDED FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFER APPROX.

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6 PERCENT. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW WITHIN GOF.

4. NOTWITHSTANDING OCT. 26 YEDIOT AHARONOT AND OCT. 29 OBSERVATEUR DU MOYEN ORIENT ET DE L'AFRIQUE (BELIEVED CLOSE TO ISRAEL GOVERNMENT) WHICH HAVE PRINTED STORIES ON MIRAGE DEAL AND ALLEGE ONLY 14 (YEDIOT) AND/OR 18 PLANES (OBSERVATEUR) NOW INVOLVED [REDACTED] STATED THAT JORDANIANS STILL INTERESTED IN 36 PLANE TRANSACTION.

5. RE TELAVIV'S 427 AND AMMAN'S 39 [REDACTED] MISSION DID NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS AMX TANKS. JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD APPROACHED SOFMA (SOCIETE FRANCAISE DE MATERIEL D'ARMEMENT) EARLY THIS YEAR RE TANKS. SOFMA INFORMED GOF "UNOFFICIALLY" OF JORDAN'S INTEREST AND WAS TOLD EQUALLY "UNOFFICIALLY" BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES THAT FOLLOW-UP ON TANK FEELER DID NOT SEEM OPPORTUNE. SOFMA HAS NOT APPROACHED GOF AGAIN SINCE THEN AND HAS NOT REQUESTED OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR ANY TANK TRANSACTION WITH GOJ; BUT [REDACTED] NOTED, THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY MATTER STILL ALIVE BETWEEN SOFMA AND JORDANIANS.

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